

Will Not Buy Peace In J&K, Will Establish It: LG

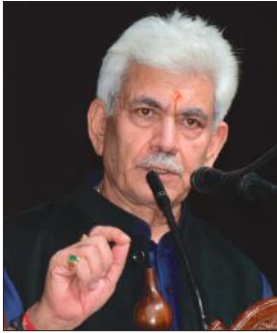
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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said the government is committed to establishing peace in Jammu and Kashmir instead of the "past practice of buying it".

He said the security forces have gained the upper hand in countering militancy in Jammu and Kashmir and are working to destroy the "terror ecosystem" in the Union Territory.

"We will not buy peace. We will establish peace (in Jammu and Kashmir)", Sinha told reporters at the Raj Bhawan.

Sinha, who was replying to a question about an environment of fear being created in Kashmir by selective



killings by militants, said the "intention of our administration is very clear that not to buy peace but establish it".

"The era has gone when peace was being bought in Jammu and Kashmir. We will establish it. We want to destroy ecosystem **More on P6**

'PM Will Lead J&K Into New Era Of Development'

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that the Prime Minister's Narendra Modi's April 24 visit to Jammu and Kashmir will be marked with ground breaking ceremony of Rs 38,082 crore **More on P6**

THE SECURITY FORCES HAVE the upper hand (over militants). This is an accepted fact. Our security forces have been able to break their (militants) backbone."

MHA Designates Another LeT Member As 'Terrorist'

Sajjad Gul Accused Of Killing Journalist Shujaat Bukhari In 2018

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New Delhi: Lashkar-e-Taiba's (LeT) member Sheikh Sajad alias Sajjad Gul, who was allegedly responsible for the killing of journalist Shujaat Bukhari in Srinagar in 2018, was designated as a "terrorist" by the Centre on Tuesday.

Gul is the sixth individual to have been designated as a terrorist by the Centre in

the last fortnight.

The Union home ministry said Gul is absconding in a case pertaining to recovery of arms and ammunition in Jammu and Kashmir and has been actively radicalising, motivating and recruiting youngsters in Jammu and Kashmir to support the LeT. He has also been involved in terror funding, the ministry said.

Gul was found involved in hatching a criminal conspiracy, in connivance with other members of the LeT, to eliminate Bukhari, a prominent journalist, along with two of his personal **More on P6**

Lt Gen Katiyar To Be Next DGMO

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar has been appointed as the next Director-General of Military Operations.

He would be taking over the new office on May 1. He is presently the General Officer Commanding of 1 Corps, a strike formation responsible for offensive operations **More on P6**

Now Take A Bus To Kishtwar Via Sinthan Top

SRTC Starts Much Awaited Srinagar-Kishtwar Bus Service
Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: In what is being considered as a step towards upgrading Jammu and Kashmir's rural-urban road connectivity, the administration on Tuesday launched the first ever Kishtwar-Srinagar bus service ending decades-long wait of the locals.

Notably, last year in October, the government had agreed to allow travel between Kishtwar and Srinagar through J&K State Road Transport Corporation (JKSRTC) bus via Kishtwar-Sinthan-Kokernag-Anantnag road. However, the bus service wasn't

started due to some issues.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, In-charge, JKSRCTC Kishtwar, Shafqat Hussain said that this is a historic day as this is for the first time that such a bus service has been launched in the district.

"Our first bus and batch left the district at seven in the morning along with 32 passengers. This is a historic day as our people were consistently demanding such a kind of bus service that was cheap and hassle free." Hussain said.

To begin with, the department has decided to run only one bus per day from both Srinagar and Kishtwar. The bus has a capacity to hold around 32 passengers with enough space in the lower & upper compartments of the bus that can hold luggage of the travellers. Travel will be by a **More on P6**



J&K's Situation Better Than Before: DGP

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Jammu: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir's security situation is much better than before, DGP Dilbag Singh on Tuesday said militants are being "neutralised" within the shortest possible time of committing an act of militancy.

Militant groups and their handlers in Pakistan are hurt by the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir which is evident from the increased attempts to smuggle weapons from across the border and replacing local stooges



with Pakistani militants, he said. "The security situation is far better than before and counter-insurgency operations are being carried out **More on P6**

Militants Attack Police Station, Minority Guard Post

Unidentified militants on Tuesday attacked a police station and a minority guard picket in the twin districts of Budgam and Shopian in Kashmir Valley. A police official said that militants fired upon a minority guard picket at Herpora village of Shopian from a distance, which was retaliated by guards. In this incident no loss of life or injury was reported. Meanwhile, **More on P6**

THE NEW RECRUIT IS ALLOWED to join only after he carries out an action to ensure that he does not come out of their net."

Pak Airspace Denial Grounds Srinagar-Sharjah Flight

Stopped Ops From Mar 27 Due To Lack Of Bilateral Rights: Go First
Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Go First on Tuesday said it has stopped operating Srinagar-Sharjah flight from March 27 as it does not have the requisite bilateral rights.

Airlines need bilateral rights -- which are granted under air services agreement signed between the two countries -- to operate scheduled international passenger flights. Home Minister Amit Shah

had inaugurated Go First's Srinagar-Sharjah flight on October 23 last year, connecting Jammu and Kashmir with the United Arab Emirates after around 11 years.

"We were operating Srinagar-Sharjah-Srinagar flight under air bubble arrangement that was in place till March 26, 2022. All air bubble arrangements were cancelled when India resumed scheduled international passenger flights on March 27, 2022," Go First



spokesperson told PTI. Scheduled international passenger flights operate under bilateral air **More on P6**

Celebration of the strength and determination of millions of Indians

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' on **March 12, 2021**, on the anniversary of Dandi March, **75 weeks** before the **75th anniversary** of Independence
- Amrit Mahotsav celebrated through more than **25 thousand** events in all states and union territories and in more than **150** countries - on an average one event in every **30 minutes**
- People's participation as a mass movement through many programs like Nadi (River) Utsav, cleanliness program, Yoga Day, bike rally, Fit India program, Rangoli, essay, poem, Lori, patriotic song and National Anthem competitions to remember the heroes, leaders and reformers associated with the freedom struggle
- Amrit Mahotsav is being celebrated vibrantly through various programs in cities, towns, villages, schools, colleges, offices and public places
- '**Digital Jyot**' for paying tribute online in the remembrance of freedom fighters and countless unsung heroes- Millions paid the **tribute online**
- Organized various programs like Bharat Bhagya Vidhata, Thanjavur Utsavam, Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav, Kashi Utsav at many important places to connect maximum people with the rich art, culture and heritage of the country
- Decision to celebrate the birth anniversary of **Bhagwan Birsa Munda ji** as '**Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**' in honor of tribal communities
- Several events organized as a tribute to the freedom fighters of the country including the unveiling of a **holographic statue of Netaji** at India Gate, the inauguration of the **Biplavi Bharat Gallery** in Kolkata on Martyrs' Day, release of the book dedicated to women revolutionaries and **drone shows**
- Organized **Vande Bharatam program** to reinforce the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'; artists from across the country got an opportunity to participate in the Republic Day Parade
- For the first time, the **world's largest Khadi-made National Flag** of 225 feet hoisted in Ladakh
- Honored the contribution of all the Prime Ministers in building of the modern India- **Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya** to showcase the contribution of the Prime Ministers of the country
- More than **1 crore** children wrote postcards to the Prime Minister, sharing their dreams on future India
- 75 lakh** kites flew during **Umang Udaan Utsav** which was celebrated with gaiety across the country under Amrit Mahotsav

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"The festival of 75 years of independence is a festival of participation and sentiments of 130 crore countrymen. Amrit Mahotsav is an event to preserve the pride of Sanatan Bharat, of inspiration from the sacrifice of the martyrs of the country and deriving strength to their resolve to build a modern India of their dreams.

- Narendra Modi



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PURE EPluto 7G; A premium electric scooter with a striking design ensuring a comfortable ride, with a 2.5 KWH battery, that takes upto 4 hours to get fully juiced up and deliver a mileage of whooping 90-120 kms with a top speed of 60 KMPH, Eputo 7G has earned a name on this list. Hero Optima HX; with a sleek design and solid features this scooty boasts a range of 122km per charge with its dual battery version, the charging

time is said to be 4-5 hours and can speed up to 42 KMPH. Komaki XGT classic; A classic electric bike equipped to deliver high performance, with an old school modern classic body, round shape LED this bike sure does stand out.The bike is packed with a 72v/30.05 Ah battery that takes 2-3 hours of charging time and delivers a mileage of 80-105km in a single charge and a top speed of 110KMPH.

Researchers Identify Machine Learning Can Predict Risk Factors Of Conduct Disorder In Kids

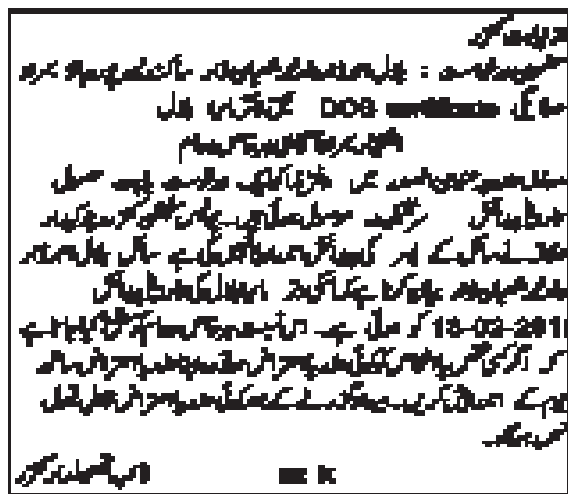
ANI

A new study has used a machine-learning approach to assess risk factors and predict the later development of conduct disorder (CD) in children with high accuracy. The study was published in the journal, 'Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging'. Conduct disorder (CD) is a common yet complex psychiatric disorder featuring aggressive and destructive behaviour. Factors contributing to the development of CD span biological, psychological, and social domains. Researchers have identified a myriad of risk factors that could help predict CD, but they are often considered in isolation. The researchers used baseline data from over 2,300 children aged 9 to 10 enrolled in the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study, a longitudinal study following the biopsychosocial development of children. The researchers "trained" their machine-learning model using previously identified risk factors from across



multiple biopsychosocial domains. For example, measures included brain imaging (biological), cognitive abilities (psychological), and family characteristics (social). The model correctly predicted the development of CD two years later with over 90 per cent accuracy. Cameron Carter, MD, Editor of Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging, said of the study, "These striking results using task-based functional MRI to investigate the function of the reward system suggest that risk for later depression

in children of depressed mothers may depend more on mothers' responses to their children's emotional behaviour than on the mother's mood per se." The ability to accurately predicted who might develop CD would aid researchers and healthcare workers in designing interventions for at-risk youth with the potential to minimize or even prevent the harmful effects of CD on children and their families. "Findings from our study highlight the added value of combining neural, social, and psychological factors to predict conduct disorder, a burdensome psychiatric problem in youth," said senior author Arielle Baskin-Sommers, PhD at Yale University. "These findings offer promise for developing more precise identification and intervention approaches that consider the multiple factors that contribute to this disorder. They also highlight the utility of leveraging large, open-access datasets, such as ABCD, that collect measures about the individual across levels of analysis," she concluded.



The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education Branch Office Kulgam PUBLIC NOTICE

The candidate whose photograph is published in the daily newspaper is claiming to have lost his original marks card of class 10th issued by board of school education with the following particulars. NAME:- SABIYA RASHID PARANTAGE:- AB RASHID THOKER MOTHERS NAME: ATEEQA BANOO R/O:- MOHIPORA ROLL NO :- 628413 SESSION ANNUAL/PVT 2008 REGISTRATION NO:- 06NKF17752 Now the candidate has applied for its duplicate anybody (if) having any objection may file the same before the office of the undersigned within seven days (07) from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card of the candidates is treated as cancelled.



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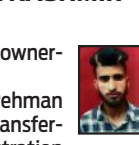


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انجمنیت اہت ناگ بااجلاس ایڈمنسٹریٹو مجسٹریٹ دیوال
مضمون درخواست مناجات: رئیس احمد موچی وسم احمد موچی پسران محمد یوسف موچی ساکنان فنج
پورہ تحصیل ضلع اہت ناگ بزنس حصول RBA-رٹلفیک
اشعار مراد گائی ہر خاص و عام۔
معاملہ کی نسبت پٹاری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے۔ جنگل رو سے سائل کا باپ غلام محمد ریشی موروی 09-01-2022 کو کلر میں فوت ہوا ہے۔ اور اپنے پیچھے مندرجہ ذیل وارثان جائیز چھوڑے ہیں۔

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03	رئیس احمد موچی ولد محمد یوسف	سائل	زیر تعلیم	21 سال
04	وسم احمد موچی ولد محمد یوسف	سائل	زیر تعلیم	16 سال
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Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 05 OF 2022-23 Dated: 18-04-2022
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Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Baramulla.
The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM)
Critical Dates

i	Publish Date	18-04-2022 at 18.00hrs
ii	Document download/ sale start date	18-04-2022 at 18.00 hrs
iii	Pre- Bid meeting date	20-04-2022 from 10: A.M
iv	Bid submission start date	25-04-2022 up to 6: P.M
v	Bid submission end date	27-04-2022 from 10: A.M
vi	Date and time of bid opening	11-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M.

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table.
- The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla.
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- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
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Modernization Work Of Super Bazar Srinagar Inspected

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Registrar Cooperative Societies, Shafqat Iqbal on Tuesday inspected progress on the ongoing modernization work of Cooperative Super Bazar Srinagar taken up under CAPEX Budget.

During the inspection, the progress of work was observed to be very low and on-spot instructions were given to the Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Srinagar for resumption of the work and its completion within a period of three months by incorporating the necessary items of work.

The Registrar stressed upon the use of standard material in the construction which assumes importance in view of the present competitive market scenario. He also stressed on the importance and existence of the Cooperative Super Bazar as they provide various varieties of consumer items to the public at reasonable and discount rates without compromising the standard and quality of the items.

The Registrar Cooperative Societies, J&K was accompanied by Additional Registrar Cooperative Societies Kashmir, General Manager Super Bazar Srinagar, Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Srinagar and other officers of Cooperative and PW (R&B) Department during his visit.

CRPF Trooper Killed, 12 others Injured In Accident At Hyderpora

Agencies

Srinagar: A paramilitary CRPF personnel was killed and 12 others along with a civilian were injured in an accident near Hyderpora here last night, officials said on Tuesday.

They said that there was a collision between an L.P truck (No.JK05K-7200) and CRPF vehicle truck (HR55AC 5705) of 181 battalion CRPF near IQ Mall Hyderpora. Twelve CRPF men and a civilian were injured in the accident and one of the paramilitary personnel succumbed to injuries later, they said.

The Injured CRPF men have been identified as Manjesh Kumar (constable), Hemraj Saini (driver),

Sushant Biswas (constable), Ganaga Ram (head constable), Ashish Mishra (inspector), Jasraj Batti (ASI), Sushant Kumar Swain (head constable), Dilip Kumar (constable), M.N Mani (constable), Shiv Kumar (constable), Pramod Kiro (constable) and Gyan Prakash (constable). One among them, M.N Mani succumbed to his injuries while two seriously injured men— ASI Jasraj Batti and constable Sushant Biswas have been referred to 92 Base Hospital BB cantt, they said.

Conductor of truck Tanveer Hussain Dar of Balhama here has been shifted to SMHS hospital for treatment.

They said that the CCTV tower near petrol pump Hyderpora has also got damaged due to the accident. Confirming the accident, a police officer told GNS that a case has been registered while investigations are underway. Driver of the civil truck Irshad Hussain son of Ghulam Mohammad Dar of Balhama Srinagar has been arrested. (GNS)



Mosque, Adjoining Structures Damaged In Gojwara Blaze

Agencies

Srinagar: A Mosque and a few other structures were damaged in a massive blaze that broke out in the Gojwara area of Srinagar area on Tuesday afternoon.

A fire broke out at almost 04:00 hrs from Pir Masjid at Gojwara,

which spread to the adjoining structures including Bhat Complex.

Talking to the reporter, Tasaduk Ahmad said no loss of life or injury has been ascertained yet.

Locals say that the downtown in Srinagar City is a very congested area, the fire incidents cause massive

loss because of unavailability of fire stations in the area.

“We have public parks all around but we don't have any fire stations in such congested areas. We request the administration to plan for some fire stations to avoid huge losses due to fire incidents,” they said. (KNO)

Unscheduled Power Cuts During Sehri, Iftar Irk Srinagarities

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: At a time when growing inflation is wrecking nerves in Kashmir, power cuts have just augmented Kashmir's suffering populace. Unscheduled power cuts during the time of Sehri and Iftar are taking a heavy toll on people observing the fasting month of Ramadan.

Although, unscheduled power cuts are nothing unusual in Kashmir, people say during the fasting month the power scenario was much better during past years.

Srinagarities say despite assurances from the administration that there won't be power cuts during the time of sehri and iftar, they have been made to fend for themselves in the fasting month

“Initially, there was an uninterrupted power supply. But since the past one week, a massive power outage has turned the administration's promise into a nightmare for us” said Zaid bin Shabir, a journalist by profession.

“Sehri and Iftaar are the only

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times when the power outage strikes and that is the time we need electricity the most” he said.

“Unscheduled and uneven power cuts disrupt normalcy especially during crucial times of Ramadan” said Shiekh Arsh who lives in civil lines area of Srinagar.

“It is sad that we have to compromise on a basic need of life” she added.

Authorities put the blame on the ever rising temperatures and the rainfall deficit that the Kashmir val-

ley is witnessing.

Chief Engineer Kashmir Power development Corporation Ltd (KP-DCL) said that the problem is not specific to Kashmir as other states are also witnessing electricity shortages.

He said this year there is a rainfall deficit of around 70 percent which has resulted in more demand for electricity

“There is a gap between the demand and supply and rainfall deficit has hit electricity generation badly” he said.

The Power projects operating on Chenab including Baghlihar and Salal are producing less electricity.

He further said the use of heaters by people and other appliances is also responsible for the power shortages.

“We usually have a demand of 1000 MVs which reaches 1600MV's during sehri, so there is an extra demand of 600 MV's”.

Another reason he said is the less availability of coal.

However, he pinned hope that with the increased coal imports, the power scenario will get better across the country.

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This Day In History

- 1611 - First known performance of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth at the Globe Theatre,
- London, recorded by Simon Forman
- 1650 - Dutch East India Company (VOC) management sets new guidelines
- 1657 - Battle in Santa Cruz Bay, Tenerife: English fleet under Robert Blake sinks Spanish silver fleet
- 1689 - The former King James II of England, now deposed, lays siege to Derry
- 1702 - Comet C/1702 HI approaches within 0.0437 AU's of Earth
- 1792 - France declares war on Austria, Prussia & Sardinia
- 1809 - Napoleon I and French forces defeat Austria at Battle of Abensberg, Bavaria
- 1862 - The first pasteurization test is completed by Frenchmen Louis Pasteur and Claude Bernard.
- 1910 - Halley's Comet passes 29th recorded perihelion at 87.9 mn km
- 1915 - The Armenians rise and seize the Turkish town of Van, which they hold until Russians relieve them on 19 May; thousands of Armenians are killed
- 1916 - German-British sea battle off Belgian coast
- 1940 - 1st electron microscope demonstrated (RCA), Philadelphia, Pa
- 1958 - Morocco demands departure of Spanish troops
- 1961 - American Harold Graham makes 1st rocket belt flight
- 1962 - NASA civilian pilot Neil Armstrong takes X-15 to 63,250 m
- 1965 - People's Republic China offers North Vietnam military aid
- 1967 - US Surveyor 3 lands on Moon
- 1967 - US planes bomb Haiphong for 1st time during Vietnam War
- 1968 - Pierre Trudeau sworn in as Canada's 15th Prime Minister
- 1972 - Apollo 16's Young & Duke land on Moon with Boeing Lunar Rover #2
- 1983 - Soyuz T-8 launched; mission aborted when capsule fails to dock
- 1983 - Soyuz T-8 is launched (lands 2 days later)
- 1988 - US accuses Renamo of killing 100,000 Mozambiquians

From KO Archives

3 LeT men Among 7 Killed In JK

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR – Seven persons, including six militants – three of them from the Lashkar-e-Taiba – were killed in separate incidents of violence in Jammu and Kashmir since Monday evening.

Unidentified gunmen sprayed bullets on a released militant of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Abdul Ahad Chak at Tangmarg Bazar, 45 kms from here in Baramulla district today. Chak, a resident of Qazpora and now working as a contractor, was shifted to hospital where he was declared dead.

Three militants of the LeT outfit identified as. Abu Abdul-Jah Umar alias Delta-2, Abu Katlal alias Ronico-2 and Abu Jabran alias Juliet-1 were killed in an encounter with security forces and police at Naliyan-Shiudhara top in Poonch sector last evening.

Three AK rifles, 9 magazines, 78 rounds, 3 hand grenades, a wireless set, a recovered from the slain militants.

Another militant, yet to be identified, was shot dead by security forces in a gunfight at Hari Wala in Gool area of Duahmpur, reports said.

Two Hizb-ul-Mujahideen militants identified as Waqqas Ahmad of Pakistan and Javaid Ahmad Peer of Kandi area of Kupwara were killed in a gunbattle with security forces at village Dardpora Khas in Kupwara district.

A defence spokesman said that Javaid Ahmad Peer was a divisional commander of the Hizb-ul-Mujahideen and was long wanted by the security forces.

Militants fired on a patrol party of security forces at Preng-Ganderbal, 27 kms from here in Srinagar last night. The security forces returned fire but no loss of life was reported. (Kashmir Observer, 20 April, 2005)

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K O V I E W

Is dialogue possible?

Is it possible that the appointment of a new prime minister in Pakistan will pave the way for engagement with India and on what terms? So far the initial exchanges between the two prime ministers have been limited to pleasantries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his greeting to Pakistani counterpart Shahbaz Sharif called for “constructive engagement” with Pakistan. In his response, just-appointed Sharif sought “peaceful and cooperative ties” with India through “meaningful dialogue” between the two countries. This provides an opening to expand cooperation. Pakistan army, according to some reports, is also keen to improve ties. This points towards a possibility for restoration of some engagement. But as is the case with India-Pakistan ties, nothing can be said with certainty until they actually take place. This is because the conditions for engagement between the neighbours remain irreconcilable. Pakistan wants to place Kashmir at the front and centre of its dialogue with New Delhi which is unacceptable to the PM Modi-led government. Pakistan also wants India to restore Article 370 that granted J&K its semi-autonomous status within India which again India sees as irreversible. The unmistakable signal to Pakistan is to temper its expectation about the extent to which India can accommodate it on Kashmir.

As always, India wants terrorism to be the central issue and wants Pakistan to stop supporting militancy in Kashmir. Pakistan doesn't accept it backs terrorism. Sharif in his response to PM Modi's message said that Pakistan's sacrifices while combating terrorism were well-known.

But it was with these irreconcilable positions intact that the countries in February 2020 agreed to re-instate their 2003 ceasefire along the Line of Control and made positive noises signaling a return to dialogue. But they failed to build on the goodwill as any such effort was undone by New Delhi's refusal to concede on Kashmir. There have been no further measures, nor does it look likely there will be in the near future. New Delhi seems in no hurry to do this. If anything, this only goes on to show that India feels little need to relent and wants Pakistan to reconcile with the new status quo. But Pakistan seems unlikely to do so. More so, under a government that lacks legitimacy in the eyes of a large majority of its people as the ousted Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's mammoth rallies would have one believe. Also, the new Pakistan government has less than one and a half years to go before fresh polls are held. So any engagement with it is unlikely to sustain.

OTHER OPINON

Freedom, Unfreedom

On the face of it, there is no direct connection between the US supreme court's 2010 verdict in Citizens United v Federal Election Commission and Elon Musk's bid to purchase Twitter, a publicly-listed company. Yet, in essence, the move by the world's richest man to play arbiter of free speech aims to make global the fallout of that verdict: Money, and its use to promote particular interests, is seen as essential to free speech. Given the “poison pill” defence by Twitter's board, Musk's attempt at a hostile takeover may well be scuppered. But the larger questions that the episode has raised remain moot. Where do the greatest threats to free speech come from – the state, powerful individuals, or the AI-led architecture of social media? How should the limits – if any – to the right to speak be formulated?

In a nutshell, Musk's views on Twitter echo those of politicians – often on the Right – that its content moderation tools are an attack on free speech. A self-described “free speech absolutist”, he has been at the centre of controversy before for allegedly misleading tweets that helped his business interests. In the aftermath of allegations of allowing elections to be manipulated, and Covid misinformation, social media sites have indeed increased regulation. Some of his suggestions – an “edit button”, greater transparency on how content is deemed unsuitable – carry merit. But his larger, somewhat messianic mission – that complete private ownership in his hands will solve free speech dilemmas – must be seen for what it is.

The rise of social media has given a handful of companies an inordinate amount of influence over politics and the public conversation. And, by eliminating the need for mediators between the powerful and the people, they also gave the former unfiltered means to amplify their agenda. In the aftermath of decisions like Citizens United, this has meant that individual actors can spend their way to crowd out other, contrarian voices. And the near-universal spread of social media giants has allowed platforms to become a propaganda frontier in global conflicts. This flies in the face of what were imagined as the conventional threats to free speech – ideologically-driven organisations and overly-powerful executives. Constitutionalists found that the most reasonable protection against those threats is a decentralisation of power, the system of “checks and balances”, and giving all citizens equal rights before the law. Musk's solution, in terms of first principles, is the opposite: A concentration of power in his own hands.

The Indian Express

How Zionism Is Fuelling A
Religious War Over Al-Aqsa Mosque

Joseph Massad

The Israeli Jewish colonial fundamentalist group “The Returning to the Mount,” which advocates the construction of a “Third Jewish temple” in al-Haram al-Sharif, the third-holiest place in Islam, and is associated with the racist Kach group, announced this week that it plans to sacrifice animals as part of the Jewish Passover rituals on Friday in al-Haram.

In response, Hamas declared that it will not allow such rituals to take place and will prevent them “at any cost”. The Palestinian Authority and the Jordanian government also condemned the plans. Last February, the group, pretending to be Muslims, entered al-Haram al-Sharif and prayed there.

In view of the announcement of the animal sacrifices, the Jordanian-appointed director of the mosque issued a decision banning Muslim worshippers from remaining in isolation in the mosque, a common devotional practice for Muslim worshippers during Ramadan, until the last 10 days of Ramadan, that is, after the end of the passover.

Still, Palestinian worshippers insisted on remaining in the mosque last night to prevent the extremist group from entering al-Haram and were attacked this morning by Israeli security who injured more than one hundred worshippers.

A religious prohibition

After the 1967 conquest of East Jerusalem by the Israelis, Israel's then defence minister, Moshe Dayan, decided to allow the Palestinian-turned-Jordanian Waqf (religious endowment), which always administered al-Haram al-Sharif, or what Jews call “The Temple Mount,” to continue to administer it.

Israel's Ashkenazi and Sephardi chief rabbis, along with hundreds of other rabbis, issued a Halachic ruling that it was forbidden for Jews to enter the area, let alone pray there, as that would be in violation of Jewish religious law, or Halacha, on account of the “impurity” of all Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple.

Even the fundamentalist rabbis, disciples of the zealot Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, many of whose followers became religious settlers in the West Bank and East Jerusalem after 1967, agreed with the religious prohibition.

It was Zionist colonists and zealots who began to lay claim to the Wall, which instigated a number of violent confrontations with Palestinian Muslims in the 1920s

Nonetheless, some of the extreme non-religious Zionist groups, especially those associated with the pre-state terrorist group Lehi, argued that the rabbis were wrong and that Jews should build a synagogue there. In 1969, an Australian Christian fundamentalist set fire to al-Aqsa Mosque and was arrested by the Israelis, alleged to be mentally ill, and deported years later.

It would be Shlomo Goren, the rabbi of the Israeli army, however, who in 1973 would become Israel's chief Ashkenazi rabbi and who would weigh in more heavily on the matter. Goren argued that Jews could visit and pray in the areas of the ancient temple that had been expanded at the end of the Second Temple period, and that this would not be in violation of Halacha.

He argued that there was evidence that Jews had built a permanent prayer site on the “Mount” until the 16th century, a claim that historians contest.

In his zeal to allow Jews access to the Muslim shrines, Goren correctly claimed that the Western Wall had not been a Jewish prayer site until the 17th century and even then on account of Ottoman restrictions on Jewish worship elsewhere in al-Haram al-Sharif area.



Accessing Muslim shrines

In 1994, Goren wrote to prime minister Yitzhak Rabin that “we cannot claim rights at the Western Wall,” and that Jews should be allowed to pray all over the “Temple Mount” area.

Israel's chief rabbis in the 1980s began to find the idea partially acceptable, and both its Sephardi and Ashkenazi chief rabbis proposed building a synagogue in the south-eastern corner of the area, behind al-Aqsa Mosque, meaning outside al-Haram area, though the Sephardi rabbi insisted that the synagogue should be higher than the mosque.

Indeed, the Buraq Wall itself, or what is known in English as “the Western Wall,” let alone al-Haram al-Sharif, had never had a central religious importance as a prayer site for the Jews before the advent of Zionism.

While Palestinian Jews were allowed to pray there during Ottoman times, it was Zionist colonists and zealots who began to lay claim to the Wall, which instigated a number of violent confrontations with Palestinian Muslims in the 1920s, culminating in the 1929 violence that engulfed the country, which Palestinians refer to as “the Buraq Revolt,” and in which more than 200 Jews and Palestinians were killed.

In 1986, 70 rabbis convened by Goren issued a new injunction that permitted Jews to “enter and pray on the Temple Mount in most of its area,” and that a synagogue could indeed be built there.

By 1990, the Lubavitcher rabbi Menachem Schneersohn instructed his followers to hold celebrations in al-Haram, while in the meantime, the “Temple Mount Faithful,” established in 1967 and led by one Gershon Salomon, were planning to lay the cornerstone for building the “Third Temple” on the grounds of al-Haram al-Sharif.

Salomon is an Israeli nationalist and was not religious at the time, although he seems to have become so by the mid 1990s, as reflected by his movement's increasing religious-nationalist literature and its connections and financial ties to Christian fundamentalist groups.

Palestinians demonstrated against the plans of the Temple Mount Faithful. On 8 October, Israeli forces killed more than 20 Palestinian protesters and injured more than 150, which led to two UN resolutions that condemned the Israeli government's use of force and its refusal to allow the UN secretary-general to visit al-Haram al-Sharif.

Suffice it to say that the massacre and the ensuing international uproar aborted Rabbi Schneersohn's plans.

The Oslo factor

An even more radical Zionist group laying claim to an alleged Jewish “right” to occupy and pray in al-Haram al-Sharif is the Hai Ve-Kayam movement led by Yehuda Etzion, whose father was a member of the Terrorist Lehi group. Etzion spent seven years in Israeli jails for his membership of a Jewish terror group in the 1980s that sought to blow up the Dome of the Rock.

Etzion and his group would insist on praying in al-Haram, which forced the Israeli police to remove them, images of which galvanized more support for the movement in Israel's colonial Jewish society whether religious or secular.

Other groups making similar claims include “Yemin Israel,” “Kach” and “Kahane Hai,” the “Temple Institute,” the “Movement to Establish the Temple,” and “Ateret Kohanim” among others.

Many of these groups were mobilised after the Oslo Accords for fear that the Palestinian Authority might be granted authority over al-Haram, and especially after the Israel-Jordan Peace Accords in 1994 in which Israel “respects” Jordan's “special role... in the Muslim Holy shrines in Jerusalem”.

In February 1997, the Committee of Yesha Rabbis, a central component within the Zionist religious-nationalist colonial-settler movement, issued a ruling permitting rabbis who believe that Jews should pray in the Haram to do so.

In the meantime, many Israeli Supreme Court judges and politicians began to call on the government and the chief rabbinate to lift the prohibition on Jewish prayer in al-Haram. These efforts culminated in the visit staged by the leader of the Likud Party, Ariel Sharon, to al-Haram al-Sharif in September 2000 accompanied by Israel's riot police.

Palestinian protests ensued, and four Palestinians were killed and dozens shot and injured. Sharon's visit triggered the second Palestinian uprising, or Intifada. In the following week, Israel killed 70 Palestinians. Sharon was elected as Israel's prime minister five months later.

Resistance goes on

Before 2003, the Israeli government began to allow no more than three religious Jews to visit al-Haram at a time, but since then has steadily increased that number to more than 50, and does so without the approval of the Islamic Waqf authorities.

By 2009, after making racist remarks about Palestinians, Israel's Internal Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonvitch of the right-wing Yisrael Beiteinu party paid yet another visit to al-Haram. More Zionist provocations and desecrations continued. In September 2015, the Israeli govern-

ment prevented Palestinians from entering al-Haram to make way for Jews to go and pray there.

A Palestinian uprising ensued in which Israeli police shot scores of Palestinians. Whereas the Israeli government banned members of the Knesset from visiting al-Haram following the uprising, Benjamin Netanyahu lifted the ban in 2018.

In fact, the issue of whether Jews are Halachically allowed to enter let alone pray at al-Haram al-Sharif remains a major point of contention in Jewish religious circles in Israel, so much so that last year Netanyahu was rumoured to have concluded a deal with a conservative rabbi and head of a political party to temporarily bar Jews from entering al-Haram in exchange for joining his coalition government.

The ongoing Palestinian resistance against Israeli colonialism of the past few weeks, whether in Israel or in the West Bank and Gaza, has reached a fever pitch, with Israeli killings of Palestinians across the West Bank, especially in Jenin.

While Palestinians realise that settler-colonialism has targeted and continues to target the entire land of the Palestinians, the ongoing attempts to take over Palestinian Muslim holy places, whether in Jerusalem, Hebron, or in Nablus' Maqam Yusuf al-Dwayk, a local saint, or what Zionist zealots allege is the biblical “Joseph's Tomb,” continue apace, as does valiant Palestinian resistance to them.

While the Israelis had been corralled their supporters among Arab leaders in the last month, whether the Jordanian government to pressure the Palestinian Authority to repress any possible uprising during the current Holy month of Ramadan, or the Egyptian government to warn Hamas not to engage Israel as it represses West Bank and East Jerusalem Palestinians, the next couple of weeks may see such schemes falter.

Palestinian resistance and uprisings against the settler-colony have not ceased since the first arrival of Jewish colonists in the 1880s. Israel can call upon whatever Arab leaders it wants to help it quell Palestinian protest, but there is no reason to believe that the Palestinians will ever stop resisting as long as Zionist settler-colonialism remains.

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Roads are for People, Not Garbage

Through this newspaper, I want to express my concern about the uncivil dumping of waste on roads and footpaths. Throughout Srinagar, we can easily spot numerous roadsides turned into dumping yards, full of garbage. Heaps of garbage, mainly plastic waste, are dumped on the roads in many residential as well as commercial areas. People are mostly seen dumping trash on the roadside, as if the basic concept of trash bins does not exist at all. Infact, the extent of irresponsibility

is that people tend to dump waste at any place convenient to them, even though there are multiple other options available. There are numerous trash bins available throughout the city, but people would rather pollute the environment than dump the trash appropriately. Lack of proper waste management and roadside garbage can add to the problem of garbage pile-up, which, in turn, can lead to deadly communicable diseases. This activity pollutes and harms the environment which we live in. This garbage pile

up can become a breeding ground for diseases such as dengue, chikungunya, typhoid etc. Beside that, groups of street dogs are seen dwelling near these dumping sites, which makes it hard for commuters to walk around that area since these dogs mostly tend to attack anyone passing by and children are more at risk in this case scenario.

How can a city even start to develop if people themselves behave in such an unethical manner? People need to realise how important it is to keep

their surroundings clean. The Municipal Corporation should make sure no garbage is dumped on the roadsides, and whosoever is seen doing so, should be made to pay a penalty. People must think twice before even throwing a wrapper on the roads. If we cannot keep our homeland clean, how will we ever develop as a state and as a community?

We must start behaving like literate individuals, only then will our state develop and prosper.

Muid Mir

A Gentle Stroll Through Ramazan

Shakir Malik

WHEN it comes to Kashmir, every season wears its own colours and ingredients; talk of spring and fluttering butterflies, flowers, greenery and idyllic sunshine comes to mind, winter means snowflakes, icicles and frozen water, so on and so forth. And talk of Ramazan, these things normally linger around, a mosque full of worshippers, a capsizing 'Kangri' with couple of people clearing the smoldering coal with bare hands—that of course when Ramazan falls in wintry months; throat clearances to signal the 'Imam' to amplify his speed of recital during 'Taraweeh', and in case the 'Imam' is hard headed then taking refuge in short spells of sleep, etc. On a serious note though, when the entire life seems to be a mere repetition of tasks, Ramazan has a way of making you remember a certain past.

One of the Ramazan stories that I remember is from the footsteps of Jama Masjid, Delhi—cliques of people, loitering with fruit platters, samosas, date palms, etc. inviting us to break the fast with them. And the tone of their invitations would just melt your heart, 'Brother, please have 'iftari' with us.' 'Brother, brother, brother...' constant solicitations from all sides

of childhood and adulthood. As a kid, during the last week of Ramazan evenings, I remember watching my sister and other girl children making a big circle and doing rounds while singing the Kashmiri Eid song 'Eid aayi rasi rasi'. And I would also blend in as my sister used to lobby for my inclusion. A chorus of melodiousness would fill the air. Then, we would talk and make plans for the Eid from day one of Ramazan, about the amount of 'Eidi' we would get and toys we would buy. I would rarely keep fast then, but I loved waking up for 'Sehri', not because I hated sleep, but I wanted to see the person called the 'Sehar khan' who still goes round and round in our village beating the drums to awaken the people at that time. But, I never saw him. Back then, I would worry that he should not be attacked by some wild animal in the street at that hour. That tradition is still in vogue, though my mobile alarm wakes me now.

These days, I love 'sehri', especially because of the way Muezzins and other 'Naat' singers sing Kashmiri 'naats'. It is not easy to make that hour of the night reverberate, which otherwise stays doomed in silence.

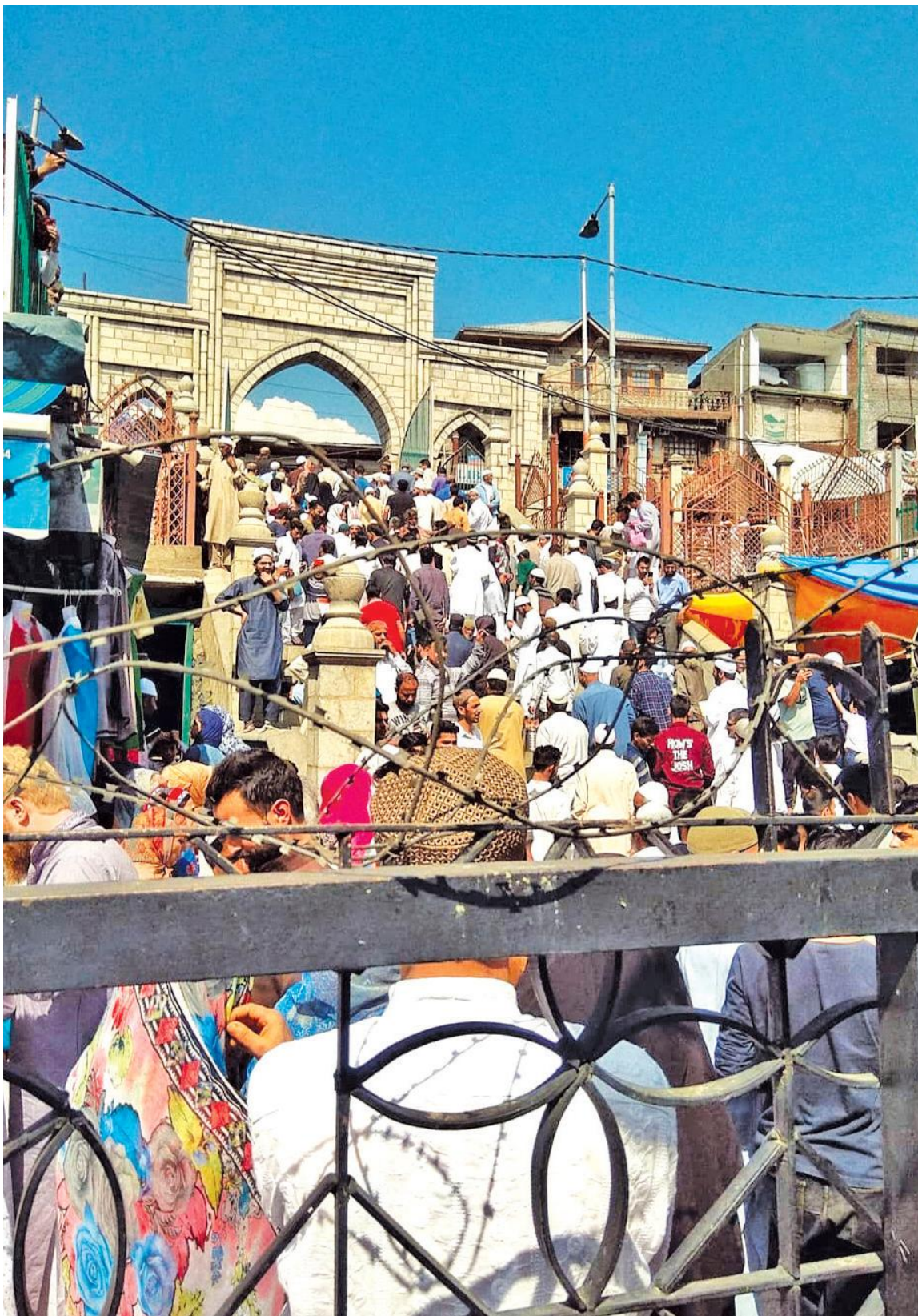
Ramazan of 2020 and this year have been tough. Last year, when the pandemic struck and I was stuck in Delhi at that time, I experienced there how the collective distress caused by a dreadful disease can spoil our most cherished memories. It felt like everything was meaningless in the moment. Hunger and anxiety weighed on me quite heavily. This year, the same feeling is getting somewhat repeated.

And we are supposed to give up on socializing which otherwise is a very important aspect of Ramazan.

The absence of pre-Eid hustle and bustle in markets and mosques makes this Ramazan a solitary affair. In fact, pandemic is forcing us to go against all kinds of definitions of normal and allowing empty streets to take over.

However, we should understand that Ramazan is not a once in a lifetime event. 'Eid-ul-Fitr' will repeat with its promised gusto, probably next year. This year, we would deserve celebrations in a traditional sense only when the virus is brought to its knees and lives of all are secured. And this 'Eid', that would require a slight inaction from our part, that is to restrict our respective celebrations to just a feast of family and to practice social distancing.

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RAMAZAN 2022: Shun Wastefulness in Extravagance



“Threat of water scarcity and food security is looming large across the world and it is our primary duty as Muslims to follow what Allah and the Prophet (PBUH) exhorted us in preserving our resources. Muslims are enjoined to adopt an appreciative approach towards natural resources and Ramadan is a good time to begin with

Aftab H Kola

In one of our earlier articles in this column we had spotlighted Green Ramadan and had touched upon a few aspects of wastefulness.

Since Ramadan is an opportune time to reflect on this aspect, we further explain on how we can make a beginning saying 'no to wastefulness'.

Islam does not permit wastage of anything, and even more so when wastage takes place due to extravagance.

The Holy Quran (7:31) says: "O children of Adam! Wear your beautiful apparel at every time

and place of prayer, eat and drink, but waste not by excess, for Allah loves not wasters."

Even water, despite being in abundance, should be used according to the needs.

A Sahih Hadith states: "The Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) came out while Sa'ad was taking the ablutions. When he saw that Sa'ad was using a lot of water, he asked: "What is this? You are wasting water."

Sa'ad replied: "Can there be wastefulness while taking the ablutions?" To which the Prophet (PBUH) said: "Yes, even if you take them on the bank of a rushing river."

The level of food wasted globally is estimated at 1.3 billion tonnes a year. Wastage of food in many countries is rampant during Ramadan.

The Holy Quran (65:7) says: "Let the man of means spend according to his means: And the man whose resources are restricted, let him spend according to what Allah has given him. Allah puts no burden on any person beyond what He has given him. After a difficulty, Allah will soon grant relief."

Being the perfect way of life Islam enjoins its followers to maintain the world in perfect harmony without indulging in

extravagance or wastefulness, whether of some food or natural resources. Though miserliness is also despised in Islam, it is the sheer extravagance many of us indulge in resulting in large quantities being wasted.

Threat of water scarcity and food security is looming large across the world and it is our primary duty as Muslims to follow what Allah and the Prophet (PBUH) exhorted us in preserving our resources. Muslims are enjoined to adopt an appreciative approach towards natural resources and Ramadan is a good time to begin with.

— khaleej times

Drones Keep A Hawk Eye In Jahangirpuri, Delhi Police Chief Assures No Perpetrator Will Go Scot Free

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New Delhi: The Delhi police registered an FIR on Monday against the organisers of a Hanuman Jayanti procession that triggered communal riots in Jahangirpuri on Saturday, while drones kept a hawk eye and police patrolled the streets in the troubled northwest locality of the national capital.

Under fire from political parties over the communal conflagration, Delhi police chief Rakesh Asthana addressed a press conference where he reassured people that nobody involved in the riots, irrespective of "caste, creed and religion", will go scot free.

Two days after the clashes, the Delhi Police admitted the third Hanuman Jayanti procession, organised by Hindu fringe outfits, had not been accorded administrative permission. It also arrested a Muslim man named Sonu who had allegedly fired at police during the mayhem that left nine people, including eight policemen and a civilian, injured.

Altogether 25 people, including two juveniles, have been apprehended so far in connection with the clashes.

A local Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Prem Sharma, an accused in the case, was questioned by police but let off.



According to police, they are scanning more than 200 videos to identify those behind the violence that pushed the national capital on edge.

Asthana said 14 teams have been formed to investigate the April 16 clashes.

Addressing a press conference, Asthana refuted claims about alleged attempts to hoist saffron flags atop a mosque during the Hanuman Jayanti procession.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Northwest) Usha Rangnani said an FIR was registered against the organisers

for carrying out a procession without permission. An accused has joined the investigation, she said, adding two such "Hanuman yatra" conducted earlier in the day had the required administrative permission.

Earlier, the DCP had said a case was registered against members of the Vishva Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal for taking out a religious procession without permission. A Delhi Police communication also stated that a local VHP leader Prem Sharma was arrested.

However, the statement was

later withdrawn citing Section 188 (Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant of the IPC), which is a bailable offence. It said the person, apparently referring to Sharma, who had joined the investigation, was let off after questioning.

The revised statement issued by the police also did not name the VHP and Bajrang Dal.

Meanwhile, security personnel, including many in anti-riot gear, swarmed the streets of Jahangirpuri.

A senior police officer said over 500 personnel from Delhi

police besides additional contingents from other forces were patrolling the area. They are armed with teargas guns and water cannons. Drones are being used in sensitive areas for rooftop surveillance.

Normal life was thrown into disarray in the locality with most shops shut.

The usually bustling Kaushal Chowk, lined with carts selling vegetables and fruit, had the forbidding presence of uniformed men carrying guns. Most children did not attend schools, as the entire locality was barricaded.

As Jahangirpuri grappled with tension in the aftermath of the clashes, Asthana insisted no attempt was made to hoist a saffron flag atop a mosque.

Several politicians and social media users had alleged some people tried to unfurl a "bhagwa" flag at a mosque that set off the clashes.

When asked about an allegation by the BJP that one of the arrested accused was linked to the AAP, Asthana refused to comment, insisting "an offender is an offender".

"We go by evidence and not by associations," he said tersely.

Police have arrested 28-year-old Sonu alias Imam alias Yunus, who was seen in videos opening fire during the clash. He is a resident of C-Block in Jahangirpuri.

Muslim outfit writes to Mumbai top cop seeking nod for mosque loudspeakers



Agenceis

Mumbai: The Maharashtra unit of All India Sunni Jamiyatul-Ulama on Monday approached Mumbai police seeking permission to use loudspeakers atop mosques to relay azaan.

The outfit, in a statement, said some people have been questioning the use of loudspeakers and this is why it had decided to approach police for necessary clarifications through a letter addressed to commissioner Sanjay Pandey.

Sayed Moinuddin Ashraf, state unit president of the All India Sunni Jamiyatul-Ulama, said mosques were already adhering to Supreme Court guidelines on the use of loudspeakers.

"You are kindly requested to instruct all police stations of Mumbai to grant permission immediately to those who

apply for it. We are also guiding the trustees of masjids to apply immediately for the permission of loudspeakers," the letter addressed to Pandey stated.

Incidentally, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena chief Raj Thackeray, during his Gudi Padwa rally on April 2, had spoken against mosques using loudspeakers to relay azaan and had asked state government authorities to get them removed by May 3, failing which his party would counter it by playing Hanuman Chalisa at high volume.

In an order centered on this, Nashik police commissioner Deepak Pandey said anyone wanting to play any kind of bhajan 15 minutes before or after azaan would need prior permission from police.

Violation of this diktat could attract a 6-month jail term, Pandey had said.

UP: Dalit Boy Forced To Lick Feet, 8 Held As Video Goes Viral



Agenceis

Rae Bareilly/Lucknow: A video of a class 10 Dalit student being beaten up and made to lick the feet of a man surfaced on social media here, prompting the police to lodge a case and arrest eight people, officials said on Tuesday.

The incident also triggered a spate of allegations with another video, purported to be that from the victim's side, emerging on social media in which one person is heard making accusations on members of the upper caste for thrashing the boy finding him alone.

The teenager's family also met Samajwadi Party (SP)

president Akhilesh Yadav in Lucknow to apprise him of the incident.

According to police, on April 10, the boy, a resident of Jagatpur town, was taken to Ramlila Maidan on a motorcycle by his friend. Police said he was later taken towards Salon Road, from where some other youths took him to a garden.

The attackers beat him up in the garden, they said.

A video of them beating up the boy and forcing him to lick the feet of one of the attackers was recorded and shared on social media, they said.

After the video went viral, the boy along with his mother reached Kotwali police station

and lodged a complaint, they said.

Police, however, did not elaborate on the reasons as to why the boy was assaulted.

An FIR under relevant sections has been registered in the matter and eight accused have been arrested and sent to jail, Dalmou Circle Officer (CO) Ashok Singh said.

Police said there is no proof of as of now about some of the accused being minors and it will take action if and when such documents are brought to its notice.

The incident took a political colour with a large number of people along with Congress leader Sushil Pasi reaching

the collectorate in Rae Bareilly on Monday and holding a demonstration.

Samajwadi Party MLA from Unchahar, Manoj Kumar Pandey, also met the victim's family in Rae Bareilly and party release issued by its spokesman Rajendra Chaudhary in Lucknow after the family met SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said even after this incident, the personnel of Jagatpur police station were pressuring the victim for a compromise.

"But, when the local people gheraoed the police station and held a big demonstration, then with the arrest of five people, an FIR was written on behalf of the minor boy in light

sections. In that too, the main accused was saved. He is still absconding," the release said.

A demand for running bulldozers at the house of the accused, security and compensation to the victim and admission of the boy in the Kendriya Vidyalaya has been made by the aggrieved family, the release added.

The SP chief in a tweet said, "In a democracy, treating every citizen as equal with heart and giving equal respect to every caste and class without discrimination is true social justice. There should be no place for the dominance of any one caste-class in a democracy. The SP is always committed

to equality in social relations rather than discrimination or exploitation."

Yadav also attached a photo from the viral video clip with his tweet.

The party, from its official handle, tweeted that the SP is standing with the underprivileged and who are being oppressed by the powerful.

"In Rae Bareilly, the identity of the victim crushed by the ruling dynasts is the gift of the BJP. The victim's family met the party's national president. The victim should get admission in Kendriya Vidyalaya, arrangements should be made for the safety of the whole family," the SP tweeted.

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Will Not Buy

of terrorism from its roots", he added. The LG further maintained that it may take time but the government will destroy the "terror ecosystem".

"The security forces have the upper hand (over militants). This is an accepted fact. Our security forces have been able to break their (militants) backbone", he said.

Sinha said that militants are attacking soft targets out of frustration, but it is being taken care of.

He cautioned that such incidents can occur in future as well.

J&K's Situation Better

successfully on a daily basis. There is no doubt that terror elements are doing their actions but those involved in such attacks are being identified and neutralised soon," the director general of police (DGP) told reporters at Pali village in Samba district.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha along with the police chief visited Pali panchayat, the venue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on National Panchayat Day on April 24, to oversee the arrangements.

Asked about the recent spurt in militant attacks, including the latest killing of a Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel in south Kashmir's Pulwama district and owning of the attack by two militant groups, he said, they are all basically Lashar-e-Taiba (LeT) affiliates who are indulging in such activities on the directions from their handlers across the border.

It is like mushroom growth in the rainy season. Such types of groups have no existence on ground and one action is claimed by four groups. We are alive to the situation and those actually involved are being identified and we are hopeful neutralising them soon, he said.

The DGP said police had got solid clues with regard to Monday's attack on RPF personnel and those involved in the incident will be brought to justice soon.

He referred to the recent killing of two Pakistani militants involved in an attack on CRPF party in Srinagar and said, "When local stooges fail, they are replaced by Pakistani terrorists who are given fake Aadaar cards (to move freely). Both the terrorists were killed within seven days after they attacked the CRPF personnel in the city.

Singh said the militants are assigning the job of attacking a soft target to new recruits.

"The new recruit is allowed to join only after he carries out an action to ensure that he does not come out of their net, Singh said.

He said police will give a befitting reply to any cowardly act being carried out by the militants.

Asked whether the militants want to instil fear ahead of Amarnath yatra, which is scheduled to begin on June 30, Singh said, "All necessary preparations are being made for the annual pilgrimage for its success."

"As I said, the situation is getting better with each passing day much to the dislike of the terror groups and their handlers who do not want peace. We are carrying out counter-terrorism operations to neutralise all such groups. They are being identified and neutralised within the shortest possible time, he said.

On the recovery of a consignment of arms and ammunition from Kupwara district of north Kashmir on Tuesday morning, the DGP said Pakistan is trying to smuggle more weapons but a number of such attempts were foiled by the security forces both in Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

They are sending every type of weapon like AK, pistols and grenades. Pistol-bound militants mostly carry out attacks in the city and our effort is to bust all militant modules and seize the smuggled weapons, he said.

About a bomb hoax call leading to the search of a Delhi-bound flight at Srinagar airport on Monday, Singh said investigation is on to know the motive and the purpose behind the call.

The committee looking after Airport security investigated the matter yesterday. It was a non-specific call but the security procedure was followed at the airport, he said.

The location from where the call was made has been identified and further investigation is on, he added.

Militants Attack

unknown militants on Tuesday evening lobbed a grenade at the police station Budgam. However, there was no report of any damage.

Quoting an unnamed police official, a local news agency KNT reported that militants lobbed a grenade towards police station Budgam that exploded outside its main gate.

The alert sentry, as per the police official, fired at the militants. However, they managed to escape from the spot. The report further said that the area has been cordoned off and a search operation is underway to track down the militants.

Pak Airspace Denial

services agreement signed between the two countries, the spokesperson noted.

"Go First stopped operating Srinagar-Sharjah-Srinagar flight from March 27 as it does not have the requisite bilateral rights. Once we have the bilateral rights, we will resume operating flight on this route," the spokesperson added.

India suspended all scheduled international flights on March 23, 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. From July 2020 onwards, India started forming bilateral air bubble arrangements with countries, including the UAE, to allow limited passenger flights under specific restrictions.

The stop-gap measure of air bubble arrangements was removed when India resumed scheduled international flights on March 27 this year.

Before a country's airline can operate international flights to another country, the two have to negotiate and sign a "bilateral air services agreement", which decides how many total flights (or seats) per week can be allowed to fly from one nation to another.

Once such an agreement is signed, each country is free to allocate these flying rights to its respective airlines.

Even after such flying rights are allocated to an airline, it must have slots at both the airports in order to start flight operations.

Slot is a date and time at which an airline's aircraft is permitted to depart or arrive at an airport.

The slots are allocated by a committee that consists of officials from the Civil Aviation Ministry, airport operators, airlines, Indian aviation regulator DGCA, among others.

PM Will Lead

industrial development proposals in the presence of eminent industrialists of the country and abroad.

While addressing the media persons at the curtain raiser to Prime Minister's visit to panchayat Pali in Samba district on April 24, the LG said that the visit is historic and unprecedented,

where the PM will address the people of J&K along with all the Gram Sabhas across the country.

"On the occasion of the National Panchayati Raj Day, Prime Minister will lead J&K into a new era of development. Ground breaking ceremony of Rs 38,082 crore Industrial Development proposals will be held in the presence of eminent industrialists of the country and abroad," Sinha said, as per an official spokesperson.

He said over four lakh direct-indirect employment opportunities would be generated in different sectors.

To double the power generation capacity in next four years in J&K, the LG said that the PM will lay the foundation stone of 850 MW Ratle Power Project and 540 MW Kwar Hydro Project, besides the foundation stone for five Expressways, and the inauguration of the Banihal-Qazigund tunnel.

"As many as 100 Jan Aushadhi Kendras will also be dedicated to the public and award money will be distributed to all the Panchayats of the country with just one click by the Prime Minister," he added.

According to the spokesperson, around one lakh people are expected to participate in this mega event in which the PM will interact with the Sarpanchs, Panchs and people invited from across the UT.

"He will also visit INTACH Photo Gallery and Nokia Centre, exhibition of different departments, besides meeting business delegation from Dubai. The Prime Minister will also handover benefits under SVAMITVA scheme to rural citizens," he said.

The spokesperson said that the LG maintained that Pali is the country's first panchayat to become carbon neutral, fully powered by solar energy, with all its records digitized and saturation of benefits of all schemes of the Government of India.

Sinha, he said, also stated that this would be a model panchayat, motivating other panchayats in J&K and the country to become carbon neutral.

Mentioning about the 100-point programme made for Gram Swaraj Month, the

LG, as per the spokesperson said that J&K has been going through immense transformation since August 2019.

"Due to the people-centric policies of Good Governance, J&K is now among the leading UTs/States of the country. UT administration is working

with transparency, accountability and efficiency," Sinha added.

The LG, according to the spokesperson further said that Patwar Ghar has been institutionalized in all panchayats with offices of Patwaris, along with appointments of Panchayat Assistants to ensure prompt delivery of services.

"Due to Prime Minister's commitment and top priority to the Union Territory, J&K is shining in various sectors. Recently, J&K has been ranked third in performance under PMGSY. J&K is also featuring frequently in NITI Aayog's reports as a high performing UT," Sinha said.

"The Panchayati Raj system has been set up in J&K and PRIs are being empowered in true sense by transferring them with necessary funds, functions and functionaries. The completion of more than 50,000 projects in the previous financial year as compared to around 9,200 projects in 2018-19 speaks volumes about good governance in J&K," he added.

The spokesperson said that the LG also stated that the benefits of Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani and various other schemes are reaching the people across the UT.

"We aim to establish the best healthcare system based on people's feedback," Sinha, as per the spokesperson said on the Health sector.

The LG, he said, also expressed gratitude to PM and Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh, for choosing J&K to celebrate the National Panchayati Raj Day, 2022.

MHA Designates

security officers, at the busy Press Enclave area of Srinagar on June 14, 2018, the ministry said in a notification.

Considering his activities, the home ministry designated Gul as a terrorist under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967).

Lt Gen Katiyar

against both Pakistan and China. He was posted as Director of General Staff Duties at Army Headquarters.

An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Lieutenant General Katiyar was commissioned in the 23rd Battalion of the Rajput Regiment in June 1986, which he later commanded along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir as well as in Arunachal Pradesh.

He also commanded an infantry brigade along the Western borders and a mountain division.

Besides attending the National Defence College, New Delhi, he is also a distinguished graduate of the National War College, USA.

He served as an instructor in the Indian Military Training Team in Bhutan and at the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

Now Take A

ticket permit system, once the identities of the travellers are verified.

"The total travel time from Kishtwar to Srinagar is 6:30 hours. The bus will arrive in Srinagar at 1:30 and the same bus from Srinagar will leave the next day for Kishtwar. Another bus from Kishtwar via Daksum will leave for Srinagar tomorrow. It was only after the department had confirmed the condition of roads, the officials had sorted permission from District Magistrate Kishtwar, who after proper verification gave a green signal for running the bus service," JKSRTC Kishtwar officer, Aijaz Dolwal told Kashmir Observer.

"The department will take a note of the number of daily travellers and if need arises, we will accordingly arrange more such buses from Kishtwar to Srinagar. The idea is to make our people travel without any troubles or without paying a hefty amount to local taxis," another senior JKSRTC official said.

Meanwhile, the locals have also expressed a sigh of relief on the government's decision to run Kishtwar-Srinagar bus service.

"Earlier, the local taxi driver would charge us Rs 1000 for Kishtwar-Srinagar route. On the same route, the SRTC department is charging us Rs. 350. This journey by bus is much cheaper, comfortable and time saving," says Firdaus Bhawani, a resident of Kishtwar.

"I'm sure, if everything goes as planned, the demand for this bus will gradually rise as everyone prefers a cheap and a comfortable ride," he added.

Another resident Sheikh Nasir said that people from Kishtwar were in desperate need of such buses.

"We're hopeful that the administration will launch more such buses for better and cheap road connectivity between our district and city," he said.

Mehta Releases 2nd Edition Of IASOWA's Udaan Magazine



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday released the 2nd Edition of IAS Officers Wives Association's (IASOWA), Udaan Magazine here at Golf Course Sidhra.

Besides the Chief Secretary the function was attended by Principal Secretary, Higher Education and Information Departments, Rohit Kansal; President IASOWA, Dr. Amita Mehta and other members of the association.

Dr Mehta congratulated the association for the social work they are carrying here. He also lauded the content highlighted in this magazine. The magazine has a vibrant and colourful outlook which shall motivate the future members to continue re-releasing magazine, he added.

Dr. Mehta praised the President IASOWA and Chief Editor of the Magazine, Dr. Amita Mehta, Tanveer Hussain Dar and Raja Saqib Qayoom for their hard work in designing and publication of this magazine.

On the occasion, Rohit Kansal congratulated the IASOWA, J&K for their efforts and valu-

able contributions in helping the under privileged. He also shared that during the last one year IASOWA J&K has achieved new heights under the dynamic presidency of Dr. Amita Mehta.

Dr. Amita Mehta, President IASOWA and Chief Editor of the Magazine praised the fellow members for their valuable contributions towards the society. She commended them for prioritising the work and activities of IASOWA despite having busy schedule.

Dr. Amita Mehta also congratulated the IASOWA family for successful launch of the 2nd edition of the magazine. She distributed momentos and certificates among the executive members and layout designers for their hard work for the attractive design and timely publication of this magazine.

Shveta Kansal, Sub Editor of the magazine presented a vote of thanks. She acknowledged that the magazine in itself testifies the hardwork every concerned members had put in. She maintained that the publication is going to be a continuous affair of the association.

Chief Secretary Launches e-Library Initiative 'e-Kitab Kosh'

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta launched the e-Kitab Kosh, an e-library initiative of the Information Technology Department.

The e-Kitab Kosh can be accessed at www.elibrary.jk.gov.in.

The e-Kitab Kosh is envisioned as an online library for providing access to a virtual repository of learning resources in five languages viz. English, Hindi, Urdu, Dogri and Kashmiri.

The Chief Secretary directed the Department to make available all e-books of JK BOSE and NCERT on the website for assist-

ing students with easy access to the learning material in the spirit of Digital India Mission.

The e-Library is easily accessible on 'anytime-anywhere' basis through both computer and mobile devices. The interface is user-friendly and allows the readers to easily surf through its content.

The said platform is designed on GIGW guidelines with mobile-friendly architecture and stretches its access to diverse content on various fields of Science, Art, Literature etc. The accessible content also includes books, journals, newsletters, magazines, newspaper, audio and video etc

Deepak Kumar Given Charge Of Director Prosecution Kashmir

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The J&K government on Tuesday assigned additional charge of the post of Director Prosecution Kashmir to IPS officer Deepak Kumar.

An order has been issued

to this effect as per news agency GNS.

Kumar is presently Director General of Prosecution J&K and also holds additional charge of the post of Managing Director Jammu and Kashmir Police Housing Colony.

JKRLM Creates 60,000 SHGs With Over 5 Lakh Women Beneficiaries

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government led by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has set in place an encouraging and conducive environment towards promoting women entrepreneurship culture in the UT with thousands of female entrepreneurs starting their business odyssey with a new vigor and vitality.

The enthused business women of the UT are climbing the ladder of success with support from UT administration in the form of numerous lucrative incentives under different schemes thus achieving highest echelons in the world of enterprise.

The key initiatives launched by the administration for supporting women entrepreneurs, commensurate with their educational background and experience are proving tangible results. The government ensures that women rise as a beacon of enlightenment and become vital driver in the developmental journey of Jammu and Kashmir.

National Rural Livelihoods Mission is being run in J&K as Jammu and Kashmir State Rural Livelihoods Mission (Umeed).

The UMEED (JK Rural Livelihood Mission) is turning a wheel of transformation for women to become progressive and self-employed women entrepreneurs.

The Rural Livelihood Mission aims to reduce poverty in the state by building strong grass-

roots institutions for the poor, engaging them in gainful livelihoods interventions and ensuring appreciable improvement in their income on a sustainable basis.

JKRLM has become a change driven movement in J&K with 60,000 Self Help Groups (SHG) with 5,02,641 women beneficiaries.

The official figures say that Rs 890.55 crore bank credit has been availed by SHGs promoted by Umeed JKRLM while Rs 273.88 crore capitalization has been availed by SHGs from JKRLM. It is quite encouraging and motivating that these SHGs have mobilized Rs 168.88 crore from their own savings.

Similarly, the Mission Youth programme of J&K government empowers youth as an important stakeholder in Participatory Good Governance. Under the programme, 4239 Youth Clubs have been constituted on Mission Mode across J&K to mark International Youth Day 2021. These youth clubs are engaging volunteers, who will get an opportunity to work through real challenges and make meaningful changes in society.

The J&K Government had taken a firm step towards making the Youth a partner in governance process and UT's development with creation of these 4239 Youth Clubs under Mission Youth in a record time. To give sufficient representation to women in these clubs, more than 8000 women are part of these clubs.

Budgam Admin Seeks Details Of Shia Waqf Properties

Community Leaders Enraged, Warn Govt Against Interference

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The administration in central Kashmir's Budgam district on Tuesday sought details of Waqf properties of the Shia community, much to the chagrin of the community leaders.

The order—a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, issued by the Additional District Commissioner (ACR) Revenue, Budgam has demanded at least nine Tehsildars of the district to furnish revenue extracts for declaration and notification of Shia Waqf Properties.

According to the order, Tehsildars from Budgam, Khanshab, Chadoora, Charar-e-Sharif, B.K.Pora, Narbal, Magam, Beerwa and Khag have been asked to furnish revenue extracts for declaration and notification of Shia Waqf Properties.

ACR Budgam has issued the letter on the basis of a communiqué received from Special Officer Aunqaf J&K.

Referring to the official order, ACR, Budgam has directed the notified Tehsildars to "provide the information of all the Waqf properties belonging to the Shia along with their revenue extracts of Misi Hagiyat, Jamabandies, Girdawari and Akshi Shajra so that same could be notified by the Govt, as Wakf property under the provisions of Central Wakf act, 1995."

However, expressing his resentment to the order, prominent politician and Shia Association president Imran Raza Ansari said that the content of the letter clearly depicts that the administration is paving way for creation of a separate [Shia] Waqf Board.

"Otherwise, there was no need to furnish the details of properties. It seems that they're stepping towards setting up a new board," Imran told Kashmir Observer.

He further added, "The Waqfs or the Waqf properties that are currently in our control are in accordance with the Sharia. That means, these properties were acquired according to the fundamental rules of Islam. Unlike Sunni Waqf Board—where properties belong to the state—these properties were given to us or our organizations by an individual in the form of Hiba (Gift). These properties are those which have not been taken from the Government and don't belong to the government. So, I don't think that the government should intervene in these things."

However, he hastened to add that if the Government wants us to furnish Wakf details, we're more than happy to cooperate. "No one's standing against transparency but the question is why they're going to establish a Shia Waqf Board, it's out of my understanding," he added.

Endorsing Imran Ansari, another Shia leader and head of Anjuman Sharie Shiayan Aga Syed Hassan said that if the Government wants to take these properties, let them do that but not at the cost of hurting our religious sentiments.

"There have been several instances in recent months where it had come to our knowledge that few people, especially some retired officials from our community, had met government officials and falsely alleged that our association had been involved in some malpractices. This notice may have been issued in that regard. We've absolutely no problem cooperating with the administration in providing the details sought. However, I don't think anyone should interfere in a religious matter without proper knowledge," Aga Hassan told Kashmir Observer.

Our properties, Aga Hassan noted, are in the shape of ration, clothing and daily need items. So, there's absolutely no question of hiding anything from anyone.

My only concern is that if the Government creates a new Waqf Board then that should be in accordance with the principles of our religion. We won't entertain anyone who tries to fiddle with our religious practices. That's completely unacceptable," he asserted.

Unscheduled Power Cuts Irk Kashmiris This Ramadan

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Amid the ongoing holy month of Ramadan, the people from different parts of Kashmir here have complained of unscheduled power cuts, especially during Sehri and Iftaar times, which according to them left them to lurch at large.

According to the reports, the locals from Srinagar and other districts of Kashmir said that the Power development department (PDD) has failed to bring respite from the unscheduled power cuts as the people are being pushed to the wall, especially at the peak times (Sehri and Iftaar).

Earlier, the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, P K Pole had directed the concerned Chief Engineer to ensure adequate electricity in the holy month of Ramadan.

However, the locals rue the absence of a facility, saying that it is the first Ramadan when the people are being forced to reel under darkness at Sehri and Iftaar times.

The locals from Prang, Kangan, Akhal, Chattergul, Kachnabal, Najwan, Wayil, Prang, Barwalla

Nunner and Main Town Ganderbal said they are getting electricity for merely 5 to 6 hours in a day, thus leaving the consumers here to lurch at large, adding that the concerned department, however, is acting as mute spectator.

Manzoor Ahmad Lone from Kangan Ganderbal said that despite paying hefty electricity bills, the department has failed to ensure adequate electricity to them, adding that the locals are being pushed to the wall by forcing them to reel under darkness.

Besides, Srinagar areas, the famous tourist places including Sonamarg and others also witness the unscheduled power cuts at present.

Meanwhile, the consumers demanded the government to

look into the matter and ensure that the adequate electricity is supplied to them especially during Sehri and Iftaar times.

Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) Chief Engineer, Javid Yousuf Dar said that the demands and supply issues at pres-

ent has led to the unscheduled power cuts.

He added that the temperature has increased much earlier this year and subsequently the demand of electricity has increased outside as well and at the same time the availability as well as the generation is less.

Besides, he said that the coal import due to the Russia-Ukraine war has also affected the thermo stations outside. "The situation is not the worst in Kashmir only, but it is at present in Jammu, Haryana, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh as well," he said.



NCM Chairperson Reviews PM's New 15-Point Programme



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Syed Shaheezadi, Officiating Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities on Tuesday reviewed the implementation of Prime Minister's new 15-point programme for welfare of minorities in Jammu and Kashmir and directed to put more effort in successfully implementing the schemes.

At the outset, the Officiating Chairperson undertook sector wise review of the Minority Welfare Schemes pertaining to different departments and sought feedback from all the Sectoral officers.

She also asked the officers to put forth their opinion and suggestions for effective implementation of the Prime Minister's new 15 point Programme on Minority Welfare Schemes on ground.

Syed Shaheezadi while chairing the meeting said that 15-point programme is an attempt to uplift the livelihood of the minorities to ensure that the underprivileged and weaker sections of six centrally notified minority communities have equal opportunities for availing the various government welfare schemes and contribute to the overall socio-economic development of the country.

She said Government was committed to implement the Prime Minister's new 15-Point

Programme for the welfare of minorities and said that proactive steps need to be taken in this regard and any delirion in this regard won't be tolerated.

Emphasising that minorities shall be provided every kind of support, she said that better facilities of transport, health, education and other areas should be provided to them.

She also said that focus should be provided to women development schemes ensuring an appropriate share for them in infrastructure development schemes.

Joint Secretary, NCM, A. Dhanalakshmi gave a presentation on the occasion giving details of schemes/programmes/initiatives undertaken by Ministry of Minority Affairs for welfare of minorities in Jammu and Kashmir and highlighted the issues that need to be addressed on priority basis for their effective implementation.

HoDs and representatives of various departments like Urban Local Bodies, Handicrafts, Industries, School Education, Jal Shakti, National Health Mission, Skill Development Department, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Home Department, Urban Development Department, Integrated Child Development Scheme apprised the meeting about the status of various schemes and programmes in Jammu and Kashmir.

AAC Organises Special Prayers At Jama Masjid

Seeks Release Of Mirwaiz-E-Kashmir Before Jumma-Tul-Vida

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A special prayer meeting was organised by Jammu and Kashmir Awami Action Committee (AAC) at Jama Masjid Srinagar on the occasion of 55th death anniversary of political and religious leader, Muhajir-e-Millat, Mufassir-e-Qur'an Mirwaiz Moulana Muhammad Yousuf Shah (RA).

A large number of people participated in the grand Qur'an Khawani, Aisaal-e-Sawaab and special prayer meeting for the elevation of ranks of late Muf-

asir-e Quran, Shaheed-e-Millat Mirwaiz Moulvi Muhammad Farooq and all others.

On the occasion, the people expressed strong resentment against the continuous detention of the head of the organisation Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq (since 5 August 2019) and the postponement of important event like the 17th Ramadan due to the Mirwaiz's detention, terming it extremely sad and disturbing.

The people reiterated their demand for the unconditional release of Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir in view of the last Friday of the month of Ramadan - Jummat-ul-Vida - and Shab-e-Qadr so that he could fulfill his official responsibilities.

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YS&S Holds Yoga Event For 'Drug Free Srinagar'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Youth Services & Sports, (YS&S) Srinagar on Tuesday organised a mass Yoga Event at Polo Ground Park Srinagar here under "Mission Wapsi" for 'Drugs Free Srinagar'.

'Mission Wapsi' is an initiative of District Administration Srinagar that has been launched to raise awareness against the ill effects of Drug Abuse and against the nuisance of Drugs.

The District Youth Services & Sports Srinagar has



been at the forefront in conducting various activities and programmes under

the banner across the geography of Srinagar.

About 250 Boys repre-

sented eight physical education zones of Srinagar attended the program at Polo Ground Park giving a loud and clear message that they are against the menace of drugs and will always contribute towards the 'Drug Free Srinagar' campaign and the 'Mission Wapsi' initiative.

Later, during the day, Inter School District Level competitions in the age groups of Under 14, 17 & 19 years were conducted by the experts of the department and meritorious students were accordingly felicitated.

'MYMP' Sports Events Begin In Kulgam, South Kashmir



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Entering the last leg, JKSC's 'My Youth My Pride' activities commenced in Kulgam district where events in the disciplines of Tennis Ball cricket were held at Sports Stadium Kulgam on Tuesday.

More than 200 cricketers are scheduled to take an active part in an event that will last for two days and conclude on 20th of this month. A similar event is scheduled to be held in Khrew Pampore, Pulwama on 21st of April.

Locals present on the venue thanked J&K Sports Council especially, Secretary Sports Council for conducting Events in the District of Kulgam.

Incharge Indoor Complex

Qaimoh Kulgam, Abid Nabi Junior Cricket Coach, Feroz Ahmad, Instructor Tennis Ball Cricket, Mir Waris and other officials of J&K Sports Council were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, in the ongoing Spring Shield T20 Cricket tournament being played at Nanil Cricket Field Anantnag, match between Pahalgam Blues and Super Star Mattan was won by former riding on some superb bowling performance by Sharid who bagged 5 crucial wickets denting opponents very early in the match.

Two matches of the ongoing Youth League Football Tournament between JK Bank Academy and Bandipora SCFA, and SCFA Srinagar against Baramulla Football Academy are slated for today.

DC Vs PBKS Shifted To Mumbai After COVID Outbreak



Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: The upcoming IPL match between COVID-hit Delhi Capitals and Punjab Kings was on Tuesday shifted to Mumbai from Pune following a virus outbreak in the Risabh Pant-led team.

In a statement, the BCCI said it has moved Wednesday's game to Brabourne stadium to ensure no COVID infection goes undetected in the bio-bubble.

Five members of Delhi Capitals, including Australian all-rounder Mitchell Marsh have tested positive for the virus.

Physio Patrick Farhart, sports massage therapist Chetan Kumar, team doctor Abhijit Salvi and social me-

dia content team member Akash Mane have also got the infection.

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India on Tuesday announced a change of venue for Match No. 32 Delhi Capital versus Punjab Kings from MCA Stadium, Pune to Brabourne CCI scheduled on April 20th, 2022, to avoid any further incident due to any undetected case during a long-distance bus journey in a closed environment," said the BCCI in a statement.

Delhi Capitals will only be cleared to play the game after RTPCR tests on Wednesday morning. All the other players and support staff have returned negative in tests conducted on Tuesday.



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